

along the safest route.

- Utilize consistent paint striping to establish a system of traffic control information that drivers can easily understand and follow.
- Install traffic signal lights only where less restrictive signs or markings do not provide a sufficient level of control. Traffic signals are intended to facilitate the orderly movement of traffic and are the most restrictive form of traffic control. Most intersections would not necessarily be improved or made safer by installation of a signal since unnecessary signals cause hazardous and annoying delays to the flow of traffic.
- Avoid using pedestrian-activated signals. Pedestrian signals are installed for two main reasons: a high volume of foot traffic at an intersection, or the signals directing motorists don't meet the needs of pedestrians. If existing traffic signals meet the needs of people on foot - the signals are easy to see and provide plenty of time to cross safely - there is not a need for pedestrian signals.
- Avoid using flashing beacons in an effort to simply slow down traffic. The purpose of flashing lights is to attract attention to unexpected hazards. A flashing beacon is most effective as a warning of unexpected or hazardous conditions not readily visible to drivers.

### School Bus Turnarounds

To improve the safety and efficiency of designated school bus routes, provide school bus turnarounds at locations selected jointly with the school districts.

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